CONFINEMENT OF PREGNANT PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAILS

CHAPTER 522

H.B. No. 1140

AN ACT

relating to the confinement of pregnant prisoners in county jails.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.0103 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.0103. NOTIFICATION REGARDING POLICY CHANGE. In the manner prescribed by the commission, a county jail shall notify the commission of any change in the jail's policies and procedures related to:

- (1) the provision of health care to pregnant prisoners; and
- (2) the placement of a pregnant prisoner in solitary confinement or administrative segregation.

SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "commission" means the Commission on Jail Standards.

- (b) Not later than September 1, 2016, each sheriff shall report to the commission regarding the implementation in the county jails in the sheriff's county of policies and procedures to provide adequate care to pregnant prisoners confined in the jail. A report to the commission must be on a form prescribed by the commission and include the following:
- (1) a description of the sheriff's actions to comply with the rules and procedures adopted under Section 511.009(a)(18), Government Code, and any policies adopted by the sheriff regarding the placement of a pregnant prisoner in solitary confinement or administrative segregation;
- (2) information regarding the health care provided to a pregnant prisoner, including the availability of:
 - (A) obstetrical or gynecological care;
 - (B) prenatal health care visits;
 - (C) mental health care; and
 - (D) drug abuse or chemical dependency treatment;
 - (3) a detailed summary of the following as applicable to pregnant prisoners:
 - (A) nutritional standards, including the average caloric intake of a pregnant prisoner and other dietary information;
 - (B) work assignments;
 - (C) housing conditions; and
 - (D) situations in which a pregnant prisoner has been restrained, including the reason a determination to use restraints was made under Section 361.082, Local Government Code; and
- (4) the number of miscarriages experienced by pregnant prisoners confined in the jail between September 1, 2015, and the date the report is submitted.
- (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the commission shall compile, analyze, and summarize the information contained in the reports submitted by sheriffs under Subsection (b) of this section. The commission shall provide a copy of the summary to:
 - (1) the governor;
 - (2) the lieutenant governor;
 - (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and

- (4) each standing committee of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over matters relating to corrections.
- (d) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the commission shall prescribe the form for a report required to be submitted under Subsection (b) of this section.
 - (e) This section expires February 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Commission on Jail Standards shall adopt rules to implement Section 511.0103, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2015: Yeas 125, Nays 16, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1140 on May 22, 2015: Yeas 104, Nays 26, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2015: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ZONING REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 523

H.B. No. 1186

AN ACT

relating to the validation of certain actions relating to municipal airport zoning regulations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. In this Act, "airport zoning regulation" has the meaning assigned by Section 241.003, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. The legislature finds that a municipality's adoption of airport zoning regulations:

- (1) is a governmental function;
- (2) serves a public purpose and benefit;
- (3) is reasonably taken to fulfill an obligation mandated by federal or state law; and
- (4) is taken out of a reasonable good-faith belief that the action is necessary to prevent a grave and immediate threat to life or property.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to an action taken with respect to a municipally owned and operated international airport that has obtained the appropriate Federal Aviation Administration license or other authorization necessary to operate a spaceport, launch site, or commercial space launch site.

SECTION 4. (a) All governmental and proprietary actions and proceedings of a municipality, the municipality's planning and zoning commission, the municipality's airport zoning commission, and the municipality's board of adjustment designated or appointed under Chapter 241, Local Government Code, taken before the effective date of this Act relating to the adoption or enforcement of airport zoning regulations under Chapter 241, Local Government Code, in the municipality or the municipality's extrateritorial jurisdiction, are validated, ratified, and confirmed in all respects as of the dates on which they occurred. All required notices are considered to have been given and are validated, ratified, and confirmed in all respects.

(b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the effective date of this Act: